

# NORTHERN ROCKIES FIRE USE MANAGEMENT TEAM

## FIRE INFORMATION DAILY FACT SHEET

**Daily information will continue electronically from the fire use management team for the duration of our assignment on these fires.**

**Others requesting information are asked to call the phone number listed.**

DATE: June 15, 2006

TIME: 8:00 am

INCIDENT NAME: Blackbird Mine and Meadow, Wildland Fire Use Fires

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JURISDICTION: Fishlake National Forest.

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Chuck Stanich/Dave Larsen

AGENCIES: U S Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management

LOCATION: The Blackbird Mine fire is 6 miles east of Marysville, UT. The Meadow fire is 8 miles Southeast of Fillmore, UT and North of Sunset Peak.

SIZE: Blackbird Mine 1,463 acres, Meadow 28 acres.

**FUEL TYPE & TOPOGRAPHY:** Blackbird Mine wildland fire use incident is burning in grass and sagebrush with pockets of Sub-Alpine Fir and Spruce. The Meadow wildland fire use incident is burning in a mixed White Fir and Aspen fuel type with down and dead fuel loading. The terrain is steep and rugged with primary accessibility by air.

**RESOURCES ASSIGNED:** PERSONNEL: 46 ENGINES: 2 HELICOPTERS: 1

**CURRENT SITUATION:** The Blackbird Mine and Meadow fires are being managed for resource benefits. Wildland fire use is the result of a natural event, in this case lightning. Some parameters must be in place before WFU can be effective. Plant communities and fuel conditions, size of the area (large enough to support anticipated fire spread), and the amount of human activity, must exist in an appropriate relationship such that fire activity poses a reduced risk to the community and the visiting public. Both fires have withstood two days of high winds and low humidity, yet still remained relatively inactive. They are consuming the down and dead woody fuels, at a slow rate. That is intent in this particular ecosystem. Continued low intensity fire behavior is expected and predicted, thereby achieving the goals of Wildland Fire Use.

Management actions taken over the past few days have slowed fire spread without utilizing excessive measures. Weather and fire history are considered in making these action decisions. Management of these fires will continue following the planned management actions developed for the fires.

Weather conditions today are expected to be a bit cooler with nighttime lows in the 30's. Temperatures over the fire areas are expected to be in the 56-59 range with humidity levels at 22%-25%. Winds will be light and variable at 10-15 mph. Weather factors are continually assessed for the potential of extreme fire behavior on these fires.

**ACTIONS PLANNED:** A hand crew and the helitack crew will be utilized on the Blackbird Mine fire to continue work on the current fire perimeter and, using minimum impact tactics, check the fire line for any heat present. Hand held infrared technology will be utilized to detect hot spots. Security is in place to insure public safety. The public needs to remember that firefighters are working in the area and to watch for vehicles and aircraft. Your cooperation in this effort is appreciated.

The Meadow fire will continue to be monitored by a fire use management specialist. No crews will be required today.

**SPECIAL CONCERNS:** Firefighter, aircraft operation and public safety are the primary concerns on these fires.